## **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

TO: **COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER** 

> COMMISSIONER RAPER **COMMISSIONER ANDERSON COMMISSION SECRETARY**

**COMMISSION STAFF** 

FROM: **DAYN HARDIE** 

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**DATE: JANUARY 28, 2021** 

SUBJECT: AVISTA'S APPLICATION FOR A PRUDENCY DETERMINATION FOR

> 2018-2019 **ELECTRIC** AND **GAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

EXPENDITURES: CASE NOS. AVU-E-20-13 and AVU-G-20-08.

On November 25, 2020, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities ("Company") filed two Applications, each requesting the Commission issue an order finding that the Company's electric or gas energy efficiency expenditures from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 were prudently incurred (referred to collectively as the "Applications"). The Applications summarize the Company's energy efficiency activities and their cost-effectiveness. The Applications include the Company's 2018 and 2019 Annual Conservation Reports and the 2019 Idaho Research and Development Report. The Applications also include the 2018/2019 impact evaluation reports for the Company's electric and gas energy efficiency programs. The Company requests that the Applications be processed by Modified Procedure.

On December 30, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Notice of Intervention Deadline establishing a 21-day intervention period. Order No. 34879. With Order No. 34879 the Commission approved Staff's recommendation to process the Applications as a single case. No one petitioned to intervene. A Notice of Parties was issued on January 22, 2021.

After the Intervention Deadline passed, Staff conferred with the Company on scheduling. Staff and the Company agreed that the Applications should be processed via modified procedure with a 90-day public comment deadline and a two-week Company reply period.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission issue a Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a 90-day public comment deadline and a two-week Company reply deadline.

## **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to issue a Notice of Modified Procedure establishing a 90-day public comment deadline and a two-week Company reply deadline?

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